

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the designation and duties of the state historian.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 3104, Government Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 CHAPTER 3104. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIAN, STATE HISTORIAN, AND
7 STATE ARTISTS

8 SECTION 2. Sections 3104.001 through 3104.007, Government
9 Code, are redesignated as Subchapter A, Chapter 3104, Government
10 Code, and a heading is added to that subchapter to read as follows:

11 SUBCHAPTER A. POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIAN, AND STATE ARTISTS

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 3104, Government Code, is amended by
13 adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

14 SUBCHAPTER B. TEXAS STATE HISTORIAN

15 Sec. 3104.051. STATE HISTORIAN. (a) The state historian
16 shall be appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the
17 Texas Historical Commission and the Texas State Historical
18 Association. If the entities cannot agree on a nominee, each shall
19 submit one candidate to the governor, who shall make the
20 designation.

21 (b) In making an appointment under Subsection (a), the
22 governor may reject one or more of the nominees submitted and
23 request a new list of different nominees.

24 (c) The duties of the state historian shall include:

1 (1) enhancing the knowledge of Texans regarding Texas
2 history and heritage;

3 (2) encouraging the teaching of Texas history in
4 public schools;

5 (3) consulting with the governor, the lieutenant
6 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
7 legislature on matters related to the promotion of Texas history;
8 and

9 (4) lecturing on matters of Texas history within the
10 state historian's area of expertise.

11 (d) The state historian shall not receive compensation or
12 reimbursement for expenses from the state for serving as state
13 historian.

14 (e) The governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker
15 of the house of representatives, or their appointees, shall honor
16 the person designated as state historian in a ceremony at the
17 Capitol.

18 (f) An individual designated as the state historian retains
19 the designation for two years from the date of the ceremony.

20 (g) The facilities and resources of the Texas Historical
21 Commission in Austin shall be made available for the use of the
22 state historian when needed.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Swinhart
President of the Senate

Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1787 passed the Senate on April 28, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1787 passed the House on May 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUNE '05

Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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